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# GARNET SMASHES BUFF AND BLUE IN FINAL

## Musical Art Society To Present Concert This Sunday Evening

On Sunday evening, November 22, at 8:30 p. m., the Musical Art Society will present the second of its concerts scheduled for the season 1936-37. The artists appearing at this time are Sascha Jacobsen, violinist, Marie Rosanoff, 'cellist, and Berrian R. Shute, pianist.

Mr. Jacobsen and Mme. Rosanoff are first violinist and and 'cellist respectively of the Musical Art Quartet, an internationally famous musical group which has made numerous appearances at Hamilton College. Mr. Shute is Professor of Music at Hamilton College.

Mr. Jacobsen was the first artist to appear in the current series of concerts sponsored by the Musical Art Society. Those who attended his recital will remember his delightful rendition of Brahm's Sonata in A major.

The program for Sunday evening includes: The Trio B flat, Opus 97, Beethoven; and The Trio D minor, by Arensky. Mme. Rosanoff will also play the Rachmaninoff Sonata for 'cello with Mr. Shute at the piano.

The Beethoven Trio, while it contains some of Beethoven's most beautiful melodies, is easily understood. The Arensky Trio is a brilliant example of the effective writing of the post-romantic school.

The Alpha Delta Phi Hall has proved an ideal place for the Musical Art Society concerts, and all who are planning to attend Sunday evening, November 22, are promised a delightful musical experience.

## Dean R. H. Potter Says Foundation Of Life Is Youth

Basing his sermon on a comparatively late translation of the last verse of the second chapter of Luke, "And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man," Dean Rockwell Harmon Potter of the Hartford Theological Seminary, interpreted 'Jesus advanced' to mean 'Jesus hewed his way on and up and through' and contended that modern youth must 'hew' its way in the first thirty years in order not to pass the rest in regret.
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Citing Jesus as one who was fit for great things when the time came because he observed the rules of eating and drinking wisely and working and playing at the right time, Dean Potter stated that the country is staggering under the weight of physical and mental incompetency and asked that we realize that we are now laying the foundation for incompetency or competency in our later years. Answering his own question of how did Jesus know so much, the preacher replied that he learned it through obeying rules. Saying that the thing that mattered was that "you should know what's inside yourself," Dean Potter added that "Jesus had an intelligent curiosity sustained by a profound spiritual aspiration."

Admitting that these thoughts were a little aside from the main theme, the preacher said that "real education is self-education" and that "Commencement Day is when life begins." He also commented that when we start exalting the police instead of the soldiers there will be an advance in civilization.

In conclusion the Dean stated that it was a mistaken conception that men who found favor in the eyes of God were not popular with other men. "Regard is based on respect and to gain this we must be helpful and make ourselves useful," he concluded.

The chapel preacher for next Sunday will be Wendell Prime Keeler, D.D.

## Students Gather In Commons For College Dinner

The students and faculty of Hamilton College met at the Hall of Commons last Friday night to give their football team a big send-off to the annual Union-Hamilton game at Schenectady. During a fine meal the students were led in cheering and singing by Ken Soper, assisted by the band.

After the dinner Thomas Rudd '21, toastmaster for the evening took charge of the program. Among the speakers of the evening were Norman Ruhle, captain of the football team, Coach Arthur Winters, President F. C. Ferry, Bart Gorman '20, and Ernest Warren '28, both prominent Utica lawyers. Each one was received with great enthusiasm by the students.

Coach Winters' speech, short, snappy and to the point, brought out the fact that in all things the use of a person's will of determination will always pull him through.

President Ferry, speaking on behalf of the faculty, stated that the team had the full support of the entire faculty for their game with Union.

The final two speakers of the evening, Warren and Gorman, both stressed the fact that a team on the field is tremendously encouraged by support from the stands. Both men urged the students to give their full encouragement to the team on the next day.

The last two speeches were especially interesting to the listeners because of the fact that both men had been star athletes in their time at Hamilton. Both had played football and baseball, Warren having earned six varsity letters in the two sports.

The evening was concluded by a fake broadcast of the game to be played the next day. Sam Fader '37, acted as the announcer, his voice being transmitted through a radio in the rear of the hall. In the first quarter Union scored a touchdown and missed the kick for extra point. Then after a pause for station identification the game was put back on the air, and in the final quarter Hamilton scored a touchdown to even the score. Then, after a breathless moment, the extra point was made and Hamilton won the game, 7-6.

Benjamin James, manager of football, should again be credited with fine work in preparing and arranging for this banquet. The fact that most of the student body turned out for the evening and gave their guests, the team, a fine send-off for the following game shows that James was well rewarded for his hard work.

### C. A. MILLER SPEAKS BEFORE FACULTY CLUB

Last Wednesday, Mr. Charles A. Miller, President of the Bank of Savings Bank of New York, and chairman of the trustee committee on Instruction and Government, spoke before the Faculty Club on "The Bank Holiday of 1933."

Mr. Miller discussed the conditions leading up to the bank holiday. He showed how the discount banks, seeking to keep up with the savings banks, had lent money on such poor collateral as real estate. The borrowers, unable to repay the loan, had to be sold out by the bank. When business went bad, people who wanted their money had to wait for liquidation of these frozen assets. Since the selling took time, the government declared the Bank Holiday. He also described the pressure under which his office worked in order to save the banking system.

*Ends Season with Defeat by Union Saturday*

## *HONOR COURT ASKS STUDENTS TO REGARD LIBRARY RULES*

**It has been brought to the attention of the Honor Court of late that there has been some misuse and violation in connection with the library privileges. Whether this has been intentional or not is uncertain.**

**The freshmen at the beginning of the year were warned about abusing the library privileges, which pertains to the drawing of books, the use of the Browsing Room, and the use of the reserve shelves. However, we feel that the sophomores and upperclassmen may have forgotten some of these rules, or temporarily ignored them, and so at this time we would like to take the opportunity of refreshing everyone's mind with regard to these rules.**

**Books on the reserve shelves are not to be taken out of the large reading room on the main floor except after ten o'clock at night, at which time they may be drawn from the library; they must be properly signed for, and then returned the next morning within one half hour after the opening. Care should be taken that these books are not put back on the wrong shelf, as then they are lost for somebody else.**

**The Browsing Room is intended solely as a reading room where one may browse in one's spare time. It contains many excellent books in varied collections. These books are under no circumstances to be removed from the room. It is to be especially noted also that no books, papers, or magazines of any sort are to be taken into the Browsing Room at any time. No writing or studying is to be done there at any time. The room is intended for browsing only. Loud conversation is forbidden also.**

**We feel sure that everyone is well enough acquainted with the procedure of drawing books from the general stacks; all books, etc., must be charged at the desk before they are taken from the library.**

**The library regulations, as an integral part of the Honor System, are for the benefit of the students themselves. Those who underhandedly violate the rules are infringing upon the rights of the other students.**

**This fall there have been several cases where students have complained of not being able to find books on the reserve shelves, especially in political science and history. Usually these books turn up, but only after the need for them has passed. At present there are several books missing from the shelves. When such violations of the rules are brought to the attention of the Honor Court, the penalties against the offenders may be quite severe—exclusion from the library and its privileges for the remainder of the semester or the year; failure in the course involved; or even suspension from college, according to the particulars of the case.**

**We sincerely hope that all students will realize their obligations and the limit of their privileges with regard to the use of the library, and that they will cooperate with us to avoid any further infractions of the rules.**

**THE HONOR COURT.**

## *"Dad" Gilbert Has Lived Interesting Life On Hill*

By Allan W. Cantor '38

There are not many men who are as active as "Dad" Gilbert. And "Dad" (or "Pop") is already 66, and seems ready to assist his son and son-in-law in the operation of the Hall of Commons for many more years to come.

"Dad" has become almost as permanent a fixture on the Hamilton Campus as Alexander Hamilton's statue. This kindly-eyed, white-haired man has seen eleven classes file out of the Chapel for the last time since he came here in 1925.

"After I had a breakdown that year" ("Dad" would usually restrict his working day to fifteen or sixteen hours then) "one of my friends who was helping rebuild the Office got me the job as chef at the Theta Delta Chi House. My wife and I took care of the boys there for six years, and after Marlowe and Frank Andrews took over Commons, I came over here to help them out."

"Dad" was born in Laurens, New York, and later moved to Cooperstown. His father was a hotelkeeper and ran a stage-coach from Cooperstown to Fort Plain.

"Ah, I was an active youngster," Mr. Gilbert admits. "I could do the hundred under eleven seconds and often drove my father's three-horse coach along the route."

He apparently was as versatile as he was active. At eighteen, he started to learn the photography trade, and still treasures his forty-year-old camera. From photography, "Dad" branched out into plumbing, then a bicycle shop, then a general merchandise store, then a hardware store. Not content with that, he became a ticket agent on a railroad, got a job as assistant superintendent at a stone quarry, and then, just to break the monotony, he worked in a munitions factory during the war. After the war, he ran a chain-store, and finally settled down in a bakery shop in Herkimer.

"Nope," says "Dad", "I've never been out of Oneida and Herkimer Counties and a few others.

He attributes his remarkable recovery from that breakdown in 1925 to a good physical makeup, acquired by almost constant athletic training. "Went to a gym for almost ten years straight when I was a young man.

"Pop" says the college hasn't changed much during his stay here. The fellows are younger now, he adds; that is about the only difference. "Why, in the Theta Delt House, a sixteen-year old freshman was rare. But look now'—he points to a group of first-year men at a Commons table, noisily eating the pork-chop regular—"those fellows probably all average around sixteen, seventeen years."

"Dad" was the first Gilbert in a long line of Republican Gilberts to vote the Democratic tickets. That was eight years ago, and after committing that gross heresy, "Dad" has gone his independent way and voted for the best man. He won't confess for whom he voted two weeks ago, but he did look satisfied when Roosevelt won.

And still classes graduate from Hamilton. '35, '36, and now '37—and still "Dad" comes down from his room in back of the Hall of Commons to serve the evening snacks to the students. That habit of working hard and long just can't be broken, it seems, and "Dad" promises to serve meals for many years to come.

## Union Holds Hamilton Scoreless, Makes All Points in Last Half

"A good big team is better than a good small one." This fact was well-exemplified last Saturday, when a large, hard-charging Union eleven trounced a considerably smaller, but equally hard-charging Hamilton club, 18-0. The Buff and Blue gallantly smashed into their heavier opponents to hold them scoreless for the first half, but the Dutchmen's weight advantage told in the last half, and they pushed over three touchdowns.

This was Union's eighteenth victory in the 46 year old series. The Garnet was definitely better than their opponents, making 15 first downs to Hamilton's two and gaining 233 yards from scrimmage to the Clintonians' 67. In the air the Continentals held a slight edge since they advanced 38 yards by passing, as opposed to Union's 21.

Co-captain Ernie Brown, Bill Thomas, and Tyler Dennett were outstanding in the Union backfield, while Marty Hilfinger and Lou Greenbaum did yeoman offensive and defensive work for the Continentals.

Beautiful punting by Dick Farrell and sterling defensive work by the rest of the Wintersmen kept the Unionites deep in their own territory for the entire first quarter, but the Hillers were unable to take advantage of this due to the Garnet's powerful defense which kept their opponents from making any first downs the entire first half.

In the second period a quick kick by Brown, who played a whale of a game the entire afternoon, set the Continentals back on their own 13. Hilfinger's punt was partially blocked, and Union retrieved the ball on Hamilton's 27. Plunges by Thomas, Dennett and Brown put the ball on the Hillers' three-yard line, but there they held, and Farrell kicked out of danger.

Union's offense got rolling early in the third quarter. Thomas caught one of Farrell's punts on his own 29, eluded the onrushnig Hamilton tacklers and raced to the Continental's 33 where he was forced out of bounds. The Dutchmen pounded out 18 yards in six plays, and then a pass, Brown to Lewis, advanced the ball to the two-yard line. Hamilton held for two downs, but on his third attempt Brown pushed the ball over for a score. The Garnet then kicked off to the Hamilton 14 where LaDue's bone crushing tackle temporarily stunned Bill Towner, causing him to drop the ball. LaDue recovered for Union. On the first play Brown slashed off his own right tackle, and sprinted 14 yards for his second score of the day. The Continentals then stiffened, and stopped the Unionites until the middle of the last period when Brown topped off a 65-yard advance with his third score of the afternoon. Starting on their own 35, successive line bucks and off-tackle plays pushed

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## Undefeated Frosh Take Interclass Football Series

The undefeated freshman football team walked through the sophomore and the junior-senior squads this fall to win the interclass football contest. Beating and tying both of the other teams once, the freshman eleven rang up a score of six points out of a possible eight, topping the four points garnered by their closest rival, the junior-senior squad, which was headed by Dan Wells. The sophomore footballers were at the bottom of the list, having tied and lost to both of the other class squads. The junior-senior team played the last game of the series last week against the sophomores, tying them with a score of seven all. The second-year men, under the leadership of Captain Gilmore and Erickson, pushed over a touchdown in the last minute of the game and then kicked the extra point to escape their third defeat.

The fact that the freshmen showed up best in this fall's struggle would seem to denote that next year will see a more powerful Hamilton eleven on the field.

The scoring:

| | Won | Tied | Lost | Pts. |
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| Freshmen | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Junior-Seniors | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Sophomores | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

## Fraternities to Be Represented in Syracuse

Syracuse—Fraternity representatives from Hamilton College, Clinton, have accepted invitations to join with 24 other eastern colleges and universities in an interfraternity convocation at Syracuse University, December 3-6, in a novel approach to the problem of improving the university-fraternity relationship.

The convocation, the first of its kind known in educational circles, is sponsored jointly by the Syracuse Interfraternity Council and the Council on Men's Affairs.

More than 200 undergraduates from other schools have been invited to Syracuse fraternities to attend regional conclaves to be held in conjunction with the convocation.

National fraternity leaders will lead 15 round-table discussions on the more important problems and difficulties facing fraternities in their relationship with universities.

The affair opens Thursday evening when Acting Chancellor William P. Graham of Syracuse welcomes the visitors at an informal dinner. Friday afternoon, Friday night, and Saturday morning, five round table discussions will be in progress simultaneously with Hamilton having representatives in each discussion. Saturday afternoon the delegates will hear reports from round-table leaders, followed by an open forum discussion.

Institutions that will be represented include:

Alfred University, Allegheny College, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, University of Buffalo, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Clarkson College, Colgate, Columbia, Fordham, Gettysburg College-Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Rochester, Rutgers, St. Lawrence, Hamilton, Hobart, McGill University, New York University, City College of New York, Penn State College, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, Princeton, and Union College.

## Cross Country Team Loses Colgate Meet

In the last meet of the season the Hamilton Cross Country squad was badly beaten, 15-40, by a powerful Colgate aggregation at Hamilton last Thursday. Hancock and Nichols took first honors together for the maroon team, and three Colgate racers grabbed the next three places, with Slade, Bate, and Brown of the Continental squad following in order.

Those who ran for Hamilton were Bate, Brown, Dalton, Darrigrand, Laird and Captain Slade.

This meet completed a rather unsuccessful season for the cross-country, since they also lost to both Bard and Rochester. The only score all season was made by Captain Bert Slade, who took a fifth place at Rochester.

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## *WHERE IS HAMILTON?*

We have all at some time, and in most cases fairly often, had to answer this question. We have been forced to give a laborious explanation of the exact situation, size and merit of our Alma Mater. Needless to say, our pride and self-respect have winced a little each time. The constant repetition of this question makes us wonder why a college of our scholastic standing should be so foreign to any but academic ears; why a college with a choir such as ours should be a nonentity outside of Town Hall; why our name appears on the athletic schedules of the more popular, if not more distinguished institutions of learning only during the hockey and fencing season, and is known only to the devotees of "the sparrow with glasses as big as portholes" as his Alma Mater.

We all appreciate the attitude of the administration in striving to keep Hamilton out of the country club and popular resort class. None of us wants Hamilton to descend to this level. Yet it is our firm conviction that every student has in his heart a desire to be able to say, "I'm a junior at Hamilton" and have the statement accepted by the average person with the respect to which our scholastic standing entitles us, but not to have it thrown back in his teeth with the query, "Where's that?"

As a possible remedy for this intolerable situation, several suggestions have been made in the "bull sessions" common on the Hill. Many of these are radical; there are those who would painlessly put the Trustees and the Faculty out of the way and take over the helm themselves. This, we may all agree, would do little, if any, good. Others advocate a system of press-agencies, by which we might buy matches inscribed with the short, succinct statement, "Go to Hamilton." Our violent reaction to this sort of press-gang prompts us to answer them with the short, succint statement, "Go to H——!" Still others support a platform under which the ineligibility rules should be abolished, and Hamilton should put itself on the map by the prowess of its football and baseball teams. But this, we can easily perceive, would tend only to infest the College with a group of tramp athletes, here today and gone tomorrow. The coaches of the different sports would have no chance to build up a new team for next year; each season they would have a crop of new material which, through the exigencies of lack of time, they would have no opportunity to train and mould into a compact and coordinated team. Thus the situation remains as yet unsolved.

This same situation has been particularly defined and aggravated this year. The entering class numbered only one hundred and twenty-seven against last year's class of one hundred and thirty-five and the previous class of 165. This is too sharp a decline for us to pass off with the statement, "It's happened before." It may be partially explained by the raising of the tuition, which went into effect this year. There is also another viewpoint. Although we wince a little at admitting it, the College is composed in great part of men who tried to enter other institutions and were refused. They turned to Hamilton as more or less of a last resort. The forty-odd who are missing in the ranks of the freshmen class have evidently turned to some other college as a last resort, one which has not raised its tuition.

It would seem that Hamilton has gained its reputation in the scholastic world by taking these left-overs and extracting from them, if not the maximum, at least very close to that amount of work. Would it not seem credible, if Hamilton were given a group of men who came to College for Hamilton's sake, and not for the sake of the easy entrance requirements, that our scholastic rating would tend to go up rather than down?

We must also consider that Hamilton's reputation has been built up over a period of one hundred and twenty-five years. It could not be easily destroyed by a change in the present set-up, unless this change were radically drastic. We have already dealt with changes of this sort. Thus we see that, if need be, we can afford to sacrifice a small part of our bookworm reputation and still stand close to the head of the list, if the change will bring about an increase in our self-respect.

Therefore, in the light of our present situation and constructive criticism on the part of anyone connected with the College is very definitely in order. We do hereby constitute ourselves a Committee for the Expansion of the Reputation, Self-Respect, and Veneration of Hamilton College, to receive any criticisms and to convey the same to the administration, alumni, or student body of the College, as the case may be. Will you, the men of Hamilton, offer some solution for this unbearable situation, or will you go on in the nightmarish throes of that drumming, throbbing, insistent question, "Where is Hamilton?"

—An Ineligible, who must perforce take refuge under the nom de plume, Robert King Gray.

## *THE BROWSING ROOM*

One of the things that has been for a long time a feature of Hamilton College is its Browsing Room. It is a pleasant place to spend a few spare hours, since the collection of books is a fine one, and the stock is kept up to date with substitutions of newer works of fiction for the older ones. However, the Browsing Room can be maintained as such only if its rules are obeyed.

Perhaps the rule most often violated is that which forbids the bringing into the room books for study. Every day a certain number of reserve shelf books have to be collected and returned to their proper place in the reading room. It is the duty of the employees of the library to see that this rule and others are kept. However, no one expects those working in the library to be forced to ask a person who is studying to take his work to another part of the building, as the library is run on the honor system. Yet it is the unpleasant duty of the employees, and particularly those students who work in the library in the evening, to remind anyone of the rules of the room.

Although there is a list of the rules on the bulletin board, it might not be amiss to repeat them here for the benefit of those who have never seen them, or perhaps, have forgotten them. There should be no talking, writing, or reading of books which do not belong in the Browsing Room. Smoking is allowed. No books are allowed to be taken from the room, and none are supposed to be taken into it, whether they be library books or textbooks. The room is not a "reading room", as one uninformed freshman designated it; the room is for relaxation, not for work. All reading of books other than those in the Browsing Room should be done in some other part of the library.

Lest these rules should be taken too lightly, it might be stated that the Browsing Room is not always open. It is open only when the librarian feels that the students have sufficient self-respect to obey the ruls; as has been said before, the room is under the jurisdiction of the Honor Court. Several times in the past it has been closed, chiefly because of the fact that books had been removed from the room. However, the other rules are just as important, and it would be well for several undergraduates to take a more unselfish attitude, so that the rest of the college will not be deprived of the Browsing Room because they are so inconsiderate.

—D. J. K., Jr., '38.

## Alumni Notes

**By Professor Edward Fitch**

Dr. George M. Day '05, professor of sociology in Occidental College, conducted a group of teachers and business men on a tour through Russia and Scandinavia during the past summer.

E. Judson Humeston '32, after teaching for a time at the Taft School, has resumed graduate study in the Romance languages at Princeton University.

Robert J. Hicks '33, is organist and choir director in Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Troy, also radio announcer over stations WOKO and WABY in Albany.

Professor M. L. Bonham, Jr., has published in the October number of the American Historical Review, under the title, "Documents," a letter by a South Carolina representative in Congress, Armistead Burt, dated January 10, 1844, which gives a glimpse of sentiment in the South prior to the unsuccessful attempt to renominate Van Buren in 1844.

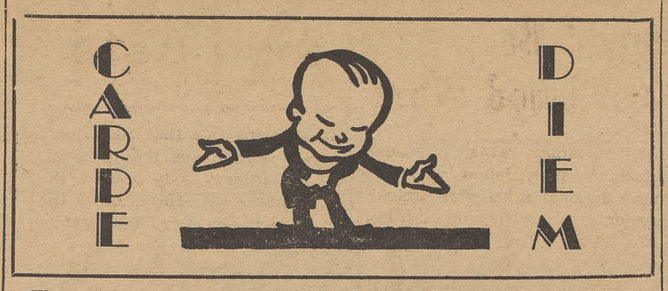
An undated clipping was received at the College office last week reporting the death of Lawrence W. Baxter '79, of Bel Air, Md. Mr. Baxter was a lawyer, who received his law training in the Hamilton College Law Department and began practice in Cobleskill, N. Y., in 1880. Later he practiced in Philadelphia. He was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

Ward H. Goodenough '87, died November 12 after a short illness. He studied law in Ogdensburg, but practiced in New York City, with the firm of Davis, Short and Auerbach. His home was in Jamaica, where he was active in church and Y.M.C.A. work. He was assistant manager of the Jamaica branch of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company. Erwin R. Goodenough '15, professor of the history of religion in Yale University is his son.

The latest word received from Professor J. D. Ibbotson '90, is to the effect that he was booked to sail for Bremen on the Lloyd freighter Borkum on November 7, from Galveston, Texas. He is the only passenger aboard, has a large stateroom amidships, with sofa and writing table, and has for companionship the ship's officers and "twelve or fifteen books." The voyage lasts three weeks.

Robert B. Searle '98, of Syracuse, died of a heart attack on November 11, while on his way driving from Jacksonville to Miami, Florida. He had retired from teaching, having been for many years a high school principal, later becoming a teacher of science in the Schenectady schools. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Prentice-Hall, Inc., publishers in New York City, announce a new text-book, suitable for a course in Patristic Latin, The Confessions of St. Augustine, Books I-IX (Selections), edited by James Marshall Campbell '17, and his colleague, Martin R. P. McGuire, Ph.D. Dr. Campbell is professor of Greek, and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the Catholic University of America.




The cross country team earned a new distinction at Colgate last Thursday. The Continentals raced up hill and down dale with the Colgate runners serving as excellent guides, when they were in view. As the first Hamilton man came in sight of the finish line, he discovered that his hosts had rudely crossed first, so he marked time and waited for company down the home stretch. Finally when a quorum had reported, five Buff and Blue runners joined hands and raced side by side, like a Vassar daisy chain gone beserk, until the goal was reached.

Coach Andy Kerr who had viewed the breast to breast spurt made a special visit to the dressing room to offer his congratulations.

"Fellows," he said, "Today's the first time that I ever realized that a cross country team had a sense of humor!"

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Carpe feels only deep sympathy for the editor of the Clinton Courier who wrote the tragic headlines, "G. O. P. Landslide in Town of Kirkland Ineffectual in Stemming Democratic Victory in Nation."

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Professor Fancher has been saving this one for the New Yorker, but Carpe cannot resist stealing it.

Two young ladies were emerging from the theater in Utica after viewing Max Reinhardt's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". One turned very sagely to the other and said, "The plot was rather exaggerated, don't you think?"

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Milton Kaplan, the seer of fourth floor of the Nut House ,has compiled the following lexicon of the speech ordinarily heard in the rooms of North. With proper deletions and stern scrubbing, the list follows:

A Jones Act—to pull a Vandermeulen, to cut consistently.
Sad—(adj.) Sad One (noun)—Hopeless, blank, dead puss.
To rack off—to quit, take a powder, make an exit, go to bed.
Go stir up a cake—(imperative). Take a powder, remove one's self from the scene, any scene. Scram.
New York Times, 3-4—Poli Sci. 3-4.
Shifty Buck—a sharp apple, a hot duck.
Go-to-hell-shirt—a loudspeaker; plaid with a tab-collar.
And in flew a large dead duck—Spoken when the Sad One enters the room.
Don' moan—The inevitable advice to Sour Apples.
Clubbed, Flogged, Sandbagged—To take the lumps; to rate an "F".

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Three seniors (Carpe will mention no names) will forever believe in the effectiveness of entrusting momentous decisions to the flip of a coin after their disastrous experience Saturday night. The lads were returning in the Hurtling Hovel from Union game on the lonely Cheery Valley route, when the Fates overtook them. A blowout...no spare tire...no patching equipment...the wee sma' hours of the morning and a drizzling, cold rain. Two of the triumverate decided to walk to the nearest town for assistance. They tossed a coin to decide in what direction to go.

"Heads, we go forward, and tails, to the rear (where tails should be!")

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# Football Officials Should Be Praised For Their Good Work

By Walter J. Roider jr., '39

How often have you heard the cry from the stands in any sport, "You're lousy, ref"? This great moan will come up at any time, as the fans watch the man in charge of a game inflict some penalty or another on their team.

We all know that when a referee or an umpire does charge our team with some break of the rules of the game, he does it fairly, as he has seen it, and with no idea of cheating anybody. Yes, we all know it, but there isn't a single one of use who can resist shouting some implication out across the field about the above gentleman's faults.

A week ago Saturday the referee of the Haverford-Hamilton football game was about as fair and square as they make them. But as an interested spectator and feeling strongly anything that went against Hamilton, I found myself becoming rather provoked against the little fellow who ran around the field in his white knickers, soon brown with mud, and his blue baseball cap stuck cockily on the side of his head.

The bunch of referees in general always are wrong, to the fan. How can a man please both sides at the same time? The answer is that he can't and usually does not.

Football games usually result in several long runs by some back. How many times the run will be called back because some eagle-eyed official has seen a minor case of slugging or some linesman has charged a little ahead of the snap of the ball. Oh well, anything to liven up the game.

So the next time you hear catcalls shouted at those little men in white, just remember that the referee is only carrying out his job.

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## Sport Notes

By Winant Sidle '38

Despite the fact that Hamilton's football season was not quite all that the student body desired, the fact remains that Hamilton is the only logical Eastern and Middle Western Rose Bowl selection. Perhaps some of you have failed to perceive this, but it is quite obvious. Let us look into the situation. Trinity topped the Hillers, 27 to 0. Said Trinity eleven also crushed Norwich 60-0. (How about scheduling this Norwich club, Coach?) Norwich held Dartmouth to a 58-0 victory, all of which makes Trinity two points better than Dartmouth and makes the Big Green a mere 25 points better thna Hamilton. Dartmouth beat Brown, 34-0 which naturally causes the Continentals to be 9 points better than Brown. Since Yale could only top Brown by a 14-6 count, Hamilton is one point superior to the Bulldog. The rest is easier still. Yale beat Penn 7-0, so Hamilton is 8 points better than the U. of P. Michigan lost to Penn 27-7 and to Northwestern, 9-0, making Penn 11 points above Northwestern and Hamilton 19 markers better than the Wildcats. Since Northwestern is supposed to be the best team east of the Rockies and Hamilton is a better team by the imposing margin of 19 points, the result is obvious.

Some of you may consider Marquette a more logical Rose Bowl contender than Northwestern, with 26, Wisconsin 18; Marquette 12, Wisconsin 6; Result—Northwestern 2 points better than Marquette, and Hamilton 21 points above Marquette. Fordham, the other big eastern competitor, is also out of the running due to the fact that they defeated St. Mary's by a measly 7-6 score while Marquette whipped the Gaels, 20 to 6. Result—Hamilton is 35 points superior to the Fordham boys. Pasadena, here we come!

# Appearance of Gaboon Marks Union Game

By Robert Shankland '38

The classic review of the "Royal Gaboon" or "Continental" conveys, of course, the doubtful compliment that the issue for good considering the dearth of material. Perhaps Life may be generous about the number which appeared last Friday and say merely that the issue was good.

This last number is called by the editors the "Union Game Number", but the title seems to refer to the time of its appearance rather than being a key to its content. Other than the drawing on the cover of a football player of un-Hamilton hugeness and a sparse scattering of senior lettermen's photographs on the inside back cover, the magazine barely hints of the event it purports to celebrate.

The literary content of the issue is of a reasonably high order. Robert T. Hall opens with a somewhat lush but altogether readable story of doings in the land west of the Great Divide. This "fascinating account by a man who saw America first" catches well the spirit of its setting. It is called "Southwest Idyls." "Put 'er thar, podner."

Frank Merritt continues his fine record of distinguished short stories with an effort named "A Game of Checkers." Merritt's story shows the crushing injustice which often is the lot of children.

A clever characterization titled "Coed—No More No Less" by Carleton Power is vastly amusing and well-handled. The editors suggest that perhaps we too have met her. We think we have.

Ralph Haas continues his Box Car Odysseus motif with a contribution called "Sunny California." The writing is vigorous and quite interesting.

Donald F. Lewis in "Somniloquy" goes philosophical on us again with far more success than in any of his previous works. The story is an improvement over his other contributions of the past two years. It is excellently written with more subtlety and less pathos than is generally characteristic of its writer.

Editor John Baldwin abandons his flair for plot in a piece of writing called "In the Captain's Cabin" and turns to atmosphere. Perhaps his failure to measure up to his previous standards lies in the greatness of his ability with plot rather than in the weakness of his ability with atmosphere.

There is the usual dash of alleged humor, but the general tone of the magazine is better than in recent years. The talent of the contributors is great, and consequently the material is of a high literary order for college undergraduates.

# 'Home, Sweet Home' Is Destination Of Millions on Thanksgiving Day

## Oldest of Our National Festivals, From Its Beginning When Pilgrims Rejoiced at Their Harvest, Has Been a Family Day

On Thanksgiving Day "there's no place like home." When that native son of New York State, John Howard Payne, wrote "Home, Sweet Home," the inspiring memories of his childhood abode at East Hampton, Long Island, must have included Thanksgiving festivities around its great fireplace.

"Going home for Thanksgiving?" Each year, as this oldest of our national festival days approaches, millions of people have but one destination. Wherever home may be, in country or city, to it they go by train and automobile, by ship and airplane. And those who, for one reason or another, must be absent from the family circle "go home" by spoken or written messages, or at least by thought and wish.

Thanksgiving Day, from its very beginning, has been a family day. Even the Thanksgiving proclamations, issued from year to year by successive Presidents and Governors, emphasize the family character of the day, calling upon all citizens "to gather in their respective homes and accustomed places of worship." And it was in this spirit that the first Thanksgiving was observed.

More than three hundred years ago, in the sixteen-twenties, the little Pilgrim band in the Plymouth Colony, separated from their mother country by thousands of miles of ocean, faced the terrible dangers of poor harvests, disease and hostile Indian bands. Their efforts to establish a "home in the wilderness" seemed time and time again doomed to failure. But each year they found cause to give thanks. A contemporary account of the first Thanksgiving says:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our Governour sent foure men fowling that so we might after a more speciale manner reioyce after we had gathered the fruit of our labours." And for an entire week the Pilgrims feasted on wild turkey and partridge, venison and corn cakes, played games and "exercised their Armes"—this latter for the benefit of Indian guests present. They renewed their faith in family and community strength as they gathered around the common festive board.

Thanksgiving Day still means roast turkey, pumpkin pie, mashed turnips and plenty of gravy. But it also means a day when—

"..... from East and from West
From the North and South, comes the pilgrim and the guest;
When the gray-haired New Englander sees round his board
The old broken links of affection restored."

One of the most popular of the famous Currier & Ives prints of the past century was "Home to Thanksgiving," showing the happy return to an old homestead set in a typical farm scene of early winter. The wall of many a home in New York State and elsewhere is still adorned by this old favorite. And if one visits such a collectors' paradise as the Old Print Shop, at 150 Lexington Avenue, New York City, one sees "Home to Thanksgiving" being scrutinized not only by experts but by those who come to enjoy again its simple but vivid portrayal of American family life "back on the farm."

The first American national Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on November 26, 1789. President Washington's proclamation calling for the day's observance was dated October 3, but it did not reach some sections until weeks later. The communication facilities of the period form a striking contrast with those of the present. Now the President may read his Thanksgiving proclamation, and nationwide telephone networks, connecting scores of radio broadcasting stations, will carry his voice to millions of listeners.

The telephone plays an important part too in the arrangements of the family Thanksgiving celebration. Plans for the homecoming are made or changed quickly by telephone. Supplies are ordered, guests are invited, scattered members convey news of their Thanksgiving plans—all by telephone. And those who cannot draw up their chairs around the family table go back for a voice visit with the folks at home.

Courtesy Old Print Shop, New York

Currier & Ives' popular print, published in 1867, which emphasized Thanksgiving as a family festival day. Below: It's a great moment when the festive bird is served.

# Students Strike At Time of Funeral

By Hamilton Dodge '39

In 1886 a certain professor died here at Hamilton. Since it was the custom to have classes suspended for the funerals of faculty members, the student body expected a mortorium on classes; but the administration refused because they knew the holiday wasn't wanted for any love of the professor.

The students struck, but the professors held their classes irregardless of the strike; and all students who cut were sent home. The remainder of the student body now refused to attend classes, protesting against the expulsion of the men who cut. Only those who had no money remained on the hill.

Finally the administration, seeing that there would be no graduating class, relented and let the men back in college.

After the reopening of the college, Prexy gave a few entertainments to get back into the normal good graces of the student body. While Prexy was doing the dishes after one of these Goodwill parties, he suddenly discovered that all his silverware was gone. He offered a reward for its return, no questions asked; but all to no avail. The silverware never came to light.

According to one theory the silverware had disappeared from the party in the pockets of various members of the class of '86. Later the class gathered together and buried the accumulated goods in an old keg somewhere on the campus. Last year this class was supposed to have its fiftieth anniversary of graduating and dig it up.

### Geology Club to Travel

On Sunday, November 22, the Geology Club will take a trip to Trenton Falls, weather permitting, and will leave immediately after chapel. The purpose of the field trip will be to study the interesting effects of erosion and the examples of waterfalls, fossils, caves, and faulting, which are exhibited in the Trenton region.

# Students to Present Talks at Meeting of Biology Club Friday

The next meeting of the Biology Club will be on the evening of Friday, November 20, at the home of Dr. Hess. At this meeting six papers will be read by their authors. The program is as follows:

"Pernicious and Related Anemias," Hartley Zwahlen.

"The Common Cold," C. S. Wager.

"The Black Widow Spider," G. G. Sprague.

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"Higher Primates and Man," H. J. Evans.

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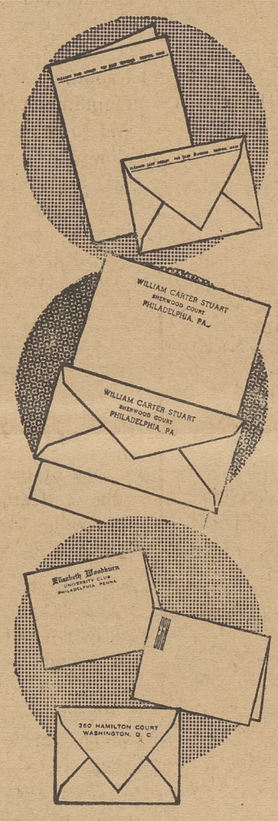
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Morris Shulman, manager, explains that only a newsreel and perhaps one cartoon will be shown in conjunction with this feature due to the fact that it alone lasts about three hours. This morning he returned from Albany where he went last night to complete negotiations for the showing and hopes to realize fine support for his efforts. Other houses have announced increased admission prices for this production but the local theater will maintain its regular charge of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

On next Tuesday and Wednesday will be shown a graphic, vital drama of modern marriage entitled "To Mary—With Love." Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy, the sweethearts of "Broadway Bill" and "Penthouse" are reunited, with Ian Hunter, Claire Trevor and Jean Dixon also featured. Selected short subjects with cartoons will also be shown.

The much discussed "Dodsworth" may be seen Sunday and Monday, the former day having continuous showings from 2 p. m., until midnight. "Dodsworth" has four recognized stars in its featured roles: Walter Huston, Paul Lucas, Mary Astor and Ruth Chatterton.

A double-feature program will prevail as usual Saturday, starting at 1:30 and continuing until midnight with "Girl's Dormitory" and "Tough Guy" as the attractions. The former features the appearance of Simone Simon, acclaimed the most important discovery in recent screen history, with Herbert Marshall and Ruth Chatter being co-starred. In "Tough Guy," Jackie Cooper is starred with Gene Hersholt and Josephine Callela as the main characters in the supporting roles.

"The Road to Glory" will be shown here Thursday and Friday with Frederic March, Warner Baxter and Lionel Barrymore being starred. Tonight and tomorrow the feature is "Pepper" with Jane Withers, Irvin S. Cobb and Slim Summerville. A newsreel, comedy and other short features will also be shown.

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# Reporter Claims Old Life and Fire Are Dead on Hill Campus

By J. Perry Barker '39

The shoving, tearing, howling, swearing, fighting aspects of college life seem to be lost and gone forever. The lowly freshman on his arrival at Hamilton in this advanced age is permitted to engage just one day in a battle for a flag, a few wrestling matches, a relay race and a tug of war. When the sophomores have chased the slimers off the grass most of the traditional enmities of sophomore and freshmen are gone until another year.

Not so were matters handled in the old days. College life at Hamilton even as late as 1920 seemed to consist of one pitched battle right after another. The "neophyte" knew he was a slimer for a good many months, and was made to feel his position both physically and mentally many times.

There used to be a very fine custom of the sophomores which involved rounding up every fire hose on the campus. The freshmen used to try to reach an arbor which stood on the campus and which passed for a goal. While the dazed freshmen were sprayed with a very cold stream of water, ample opportunity was afforded the sophomores to get in their work.

The powerful hoses hissed and spit amid curses and shouts that fall night in '16, when those writhing, tearing masses of first year men battled for the honor of their class.

The sophomores retreated slowly, not because they were beaten, but that they might give themselves an opportunity to pick up the paint pails and brushes. The sophomores were hard and unrelenting in those days. Their one object was to duly initiate the novice into the mysteries of college life, and produce real men from the unwilling material comprising the freshman class.

Paint night. The most popular and loved custom that was ever banished from life on the hill. The sophomores retreated to their base, and there they rationed out that sticky, gooey, slimy conglomeration of lead, paint, tar and coloring that was soon to smear so many eager young faces. Then the sophs made their stand. Their besmeared brushes whizzed through the air to whack with a solid thud against some slimer's head. Whole pails were dumped on certain men, whom it was felt needed a new finish. Football heroes, prep school stars, and honor students lost their identities. All the faces were the same when the last slimer had received the tell-tale coating. Fists flew, words were hurled out over the night, when finally the sophomores called a halt. The fight had been fair, enmity and hate had not been present, and when the fight was over a great democratizing introduction had been made to college life at Hamilton.

Those were the sterling, virile days, but they have passed, taking with them all the time honored customs enjoyed before, including that of dunking slimers in the fountain.

Paint, water, fists and fun have departed from the scene at Hamilton, and with their passing the old college atmosphere and do-or-die spirit have faded away also.

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New York, N.Y., (ACP)—To combat radical elements, students of Columbia University have formed a new campus organization known as the Columbia Blue Shirts.

# German Club to Hold Meeting Wednesday

A meeting of the German Club of Hamilton College will be held tomorrow evening at 7:45 p. m., at the home of Dr. Edward F. Hauch.

A very interesting program has been planned for the benefit of the students who wish to attend this meeting. A feature of this program will be the singing of Mr. Otto K. Liedke, who will render a few German songs, accompanying himself on the guitar. Andrew Brown and Edward Guy will also take part in the program, speaking on the subject "Wandering through Germany". Brown and Guy traveled with the Hamilton orchestra.

The final part of the meeting will be devoted to a rehearsal of German songs by the whole club in preparation for the joint meeting with the Colgate German Club to be held December 14. At this time the Hamilton club will entertain their visitors with these songs and speeches by various members of the organization.

## UNION GAME—

(Continued from Page One)

the ball to the Hamilton 15 where a neatly executed reverse by Brown completely fooled the Buff and Blue defense and the Union co-captain scored standing up.

The Buff and Blue's only offensive gem of the day came in the third period when a forward with a double lateral attached, Ruhle to Hilfinger to Erickson to Sullivan, netted 38 yards. Sullivan then gained 11 more yards through the center of the line, but a penalty put the ball back, and the Hamilton offensive was through for the day with the exception of a brief flurry of passes in the closing minutes of the game.

The lineup:

| Hamilton (0) | | Union (18) |
|---|---|---|
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| Greenbaum | LT | LaDue |
| Salmela | LG | Adams |
| Carmer | C | Barton |
| McGinn | RG | Potts |
| Beilby | RT | VanLadd |
| Parry | RE | Mulcare |
| Farrell | QB | Amazon |
| Erickson | LH | Thomas |
| Sullivan | RH | Dennett |
| Ruhle | FB | Brown |

Scoring by periods:

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| Hamilton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Union | 0 | 0 | 12 | 6 | 18 |

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